

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,)	
determination and/or approvals necessary for)	Case No. U-18349
regulated electric providers to comply with)	
Section 61 of 2016 PA 342.)	
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,)	
determination and/or approvals necessary for)	Case No. U-18350
ALPENA POWER COMPANY to comply with)	
Section 61 of 2016 PA 342.)	
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,)	
determination and/or approvals necessary for)	Case No. U-18351
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY to comply)	
with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342.)	
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,)	
determination and/or approvals necessary for)	Case No. U-18352
DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY to comply)	
with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342.)	
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,)	
determination and/or approvals necessary for)	Case No. U-18353
INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY)	
to comply with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342.)	
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,
determination and/or approvals necessary for
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY -
WISCONSIN to comply with Section 61 of 2016
PA 342.

Case No. U-18354

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,
determination and/or approvals necessary for
UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY to comply
with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342.

Case No. U-18355

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,
determination and/or approvals necessary for
UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES
CORPORATION to comply with Section 61
of 2016 PA 342.

Case No. U-18356

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions,
determination and/or approvals necessary for
WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER
COMPANY to comply with Section 61
of 2016 PA 342.

Case No. U-18357

At the March 28, 2017 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

ORDER AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

On December 21, 2016, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 342 of 2016 (Act 342) into law. Among other things, Act 342 amends 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1001 *et seq.*, by adding Section 61, MCL 460.1061, which requires electric providers to offer a voluntary green pricing program. Section 61 states:

An electric provider shall offer to its customers the opportunity to participate in a voluntary green pricing program under which the customer may specify, from the options made available by the electric provider, the amount of electricity attributable to the customer that will be renewable energy. If the electric provider's rates are regulated by the commission, the program, including the rates paid for renewable energy, must be approved by the commission. The customer is responsible for any additional costs incurred and shall accrue any additional savings realized by the electric provider as a result of the customer's participation in the program. If an electric provider has not yet fully recovered the incremental costs of compliance, both of the following apply:

(a) A customer that receives at least 50% of the customer's average monthly electricity consumption through the program is exempt from paying surcharges for incremental costs of compliance.

(b) Before entering into an agreement to participate in a commission-approved voluntary green pricing program with a customer that will not receive at least 50% of the customer's average monthly electricity consumption through the program, the electric provider shall notify the customer that the customer will be responsible for the full applicable charges for the incremental costs of compliance and for participation in the voluntary renewable energy program as provided under this section.

Discussion

The Commission recognizes that the description of the voluntary green pricing program in Act 342 does not provide any detail concerning the elements these green pricing programs should

include or how the Commission should evaluate green pricing proposals. Therefore, the Commission directs the above-captioned electric providers to provide comments on what voluntary green pricing programs and tariffs should contain, including what discrete options (if any) should be made available to different customer classes, how program costs will be recovered, and the associated accounting of these costs. In addition, the Commission requires comments by these electric providers on the following:

- What the minimum requirements of the green pricing programs offered by electric providers should comprise;
- How rates for the green pricing program(s) should be calculated;
- Factors that should be considered in evaluating the merits of the proposed programs;
- How often the green pricing programs and rates should be updated;
- Whether previously-approved green pricing programs are in compliance with Section 61 of Act 342. (*See, e.g.*, April 3, 2007 order in Case No. U-14569, May 3, 2016 order in Case No. U-18047, and October 11, 2016 order in Case No. U-18076.)

Additionally, any interested person may submit written or electronic comments regarding the voluntary green pricing program under MCL 460.1061. All comments, including those submitted by the captioned utilities, must be filed with the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. Reply comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2017. Written comments should be sent to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to mpscdockets@michigan.gov. All comments should reference Case No. U-18349. If you require assistance prior to filing, contact the Commission Staff at (517) 284-8090 or by e-mail at mpscdockets@michigan.gov. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission's website and subject to disclosure.

In addition to the requested comments, as set forth in Attachment A, the Commission has assigned docket numbers and filing dates for providers to file their respective green pricing programs and tariffs.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Each of the electric providers listed in the captions of this order is directed to file its voluntary green pricing program in the docket numbers listed on Attachment A.

B. Each of the electric providers listed in the captions of this order is directed to file comments answering the questions raised by the Commission within this order.

C. Interested persons are invited to file comments on the questions raised by the Commission within this order no later than April 28, 2017. Persons wishing to file responsive comments may do so no later than May 30, 2017.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

By its action of March 28, 2017.

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary

Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

Attachment A
Voluntary Green Pricing Program

Company	Program Due Date	Program Case Number
Alpena Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18350
Consumers Energy Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18351
DTE Electric	October 2, 2017	U- 18352
Indiana Michigan Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18353
Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin	October 2, 2017	U- 18354
Upper Peninsula Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18355
Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation	October 2, 2017	U- 18356
Wisconsin Electric Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18357